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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
THE July 8, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**

This Communication is submitted in response to the July 8, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 8, 2002 Office Action is due August 8, 2002, therefore, this Amendment is being timely filed.

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner to whom the application has been assigned has restricted the invention into three groups. Applicants respectfully traverse the issued restriction requirement. In response, Applicant would like to elect Group I, directed to claims 1-9 and 19 for further prosecution of the application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants'

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undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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